

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Friday, January 4th 2008, 10:00-3:30 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Mary McDonald, Marc Engel, Dave Whipple, Sherry Fox, Mark Hicks, Adrian Miller, Jeff Davis, Maurice Williamson, Dennis Dart, Jenni Dykstra, Jeff Galleher, Ken Miller, Phil Hess, Jeffrey Thomas, Theresa Marquardt, Jim Matthews (via telephone)

Introductions were made; Jim Matthews from the Yakima Tribe joined us via speakerphone. Jenni Dykstra and Theresa Marquardt were introduced. They are the latest additions made to the SFLO office. Jenni is actually a WDFW hire, but will be working in-house for DNR as the Long Term Applications Biologist and Theresa is the new Forest Riparian Easement Program Forester.

Mary went over some of the committee's members standings. Maurice Williamson and Dennis Dart are approaching the end of their terms and have agreed to commit to another term. Sherry will talk to Rick Dunning about writing a recommendation letter to DNR.

We had a discussion about the December 3rd storm and its affects on small forest landowners. Some of the points raised were;

- DNR's response has seemed slow in comparison to Oregon's offerings of resources to landowners, Dennis requested that the we draft a letter from the committee to the DNR formally asking for support.
- Would like to see a mass mailing to small forest landowners with information about how to take the next steps towards harvest
- Smalls will need to make it to the market before the larges to beat the flood of wood that will be hitting the mills
- Don't want to see small landowners get penalized for going over the two million board feet rule for just doing salvage harvests. Need to look for exclusions to the rule in the Forest Practices Board Manual and check with the Attorney General's office to see if legislation will be needed.
- DNR is organizing a team to address the situation and has asked the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to aid by expediting applications that come in
- Some of the logistical questions surrounding blow down salvage were asked, like how do you flag a stream that is buried in forty feet of blow down and what about the safety aspect with going into the areas? Is there going to be assistance for the "mom & pop" type operations that aren't able and can't afford to hire a consultant to do the on the ground work to lay out their sale? Determining potential landslides? Totally blown down RMZ's? Will Alternate Plan's be the route to go?
- Dennis requested some keys or guidance to writing applications to get them passed the first time that are submitted. Speed and flexibility are going to be needed.
- There is a tax credit that people need to know about when applying for a salvage operation

DNR, WDFW, and Ecology will be having a field tour next week to look at the damage and brainstorm on possible ways to help. Dennis and Mary will draft the letter to the DNR and circulate it via email for approval.

The group went over the latest draft of the Eastside Riparian Management Strategy, a special thanks to Mark Hicks for working on bringing everything together in this document. Changes were suggested, and Mark Hicks and Mark Engel will work on incorporating the changes to have something ready for the committee's approval next meeting before we forward it onto Policy. Mary will contact Karen Ripley and give her the go-ahead to develop the reference document.

Jeff Galleher gave an update on the first couple of Long Term Applications. There have been two submitted so far, both are very straight forward and should have no problems. Consultant trainings are coming up in early January and landowner trainings are being planned in connection with WFFA meetings. Sherry also noted that WFFA is going to have internal help for landowners in filling out their Long Term Applications.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6th at 10:00am in room 461 of the NRB in Olympia.